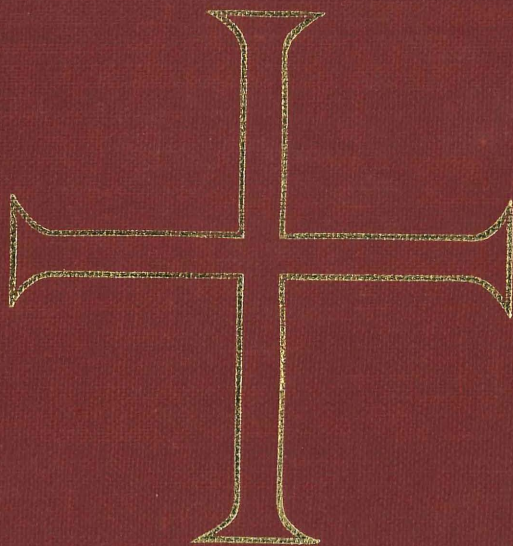


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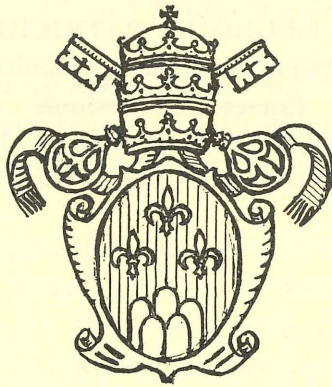


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# PREFACE

**T**he *Oratio Fidelium* or *Common Prayer of the People* has been restored to the Mass by command of the Second Vatican Council. "Especially on these same days there is to be restored, after the Gospel with its homily, the *Community Prayer* or *Prayer of the Faithful*. By this prayer, in which the people are to take part, intercession will be made for Holy Church, for the civil authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, for all mankind, and for the salvation of the entire world." — Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy art. 53.

More detailed directions were given in the *Instruction* of September 1964, n. 56. "In places where the Community Prayer, or Prayer of the Faithful, is already an established custom, it is to take place before the Offertory, after the Oremus, and for the time being according to the formula already in use in the particular area. The celebrant may lead the prayer from the place where his seat is, from the altar, from an ambo, or from the altar-rails."

"The things to be prayed for, the invocations, may be chanted by a deacon or a cantor or some server able to do it, reserving to the celebrant the introductory words and the concluding prayer, which will ordinarily be : Deus, refugium nostrum et virtus (cf. Missale romanum, Orationes diversæ, n. 20) or, on occasion, some other prayer which happens to be better suited to a particular need.

"In places where the Community Prayer, or Prayer of the Faithful, is not yet customary, the competent regional authority may decree its introduction in the manner described above, using for the time being formulas approved by that authority itself."

The original selection prepared by the Liturgical Commission for England and Wales has been in use since July 1965 and has been generally welcomed. This fuller collection made for the Commission by Bishop Gordon Wheeler and Father David Quinlan gives a wider selection of invitations and prayers set out for each Sunday of the year. It should be noted that no particular selection of prayers is of obligation. The mind of the Church is to leave a wide freedom of choice of prayers appropriate to each occasion on which the Mass is celebrated. It is hoped that this augmented edition will help to this end.

25th July, 1966.

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President of the National Liturgical Commission  
of England and Wales



## OF THE NATURE OF THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

To understand the nature of the *Oratio Fidelium*, the style of its composition, and the manner in which it is to be said, the following points should be noted. <sup>(1)</sup>

1. *It is a prayer of petition to God.*

Adoration and thanksgiving are not excluded, but this prayer is primarily asking for certain graces and favours.

2. *The petitions are primarily for the intentions of the community, not of individuals.*

Hence the requests are for the whole Church, for all mankind, for various classes of people, e.g. the sick, and for the whole congregation here present. On certain occasions, however, e.g. Weddings, Ordinations, Funerals, it is appropriate for prayers to be added for the individual faithful concerned.

3. *It is the prayer of the People.*

The congregation are not to be passive : they are the ones who are to say the prayer. Nor should they be content simply to say "Lord, graciously hear us." Evidently a whole congregation cannot learn all these prayers by heart. But they should join in mind and heart with the intentions that are proposed.

In composing this form of prayer for England and Wales it was therefore thought advisable

(1) To frame the petitions as direct prayers to God so that the people could associate themselves with the words said and thus be actively praying, even though in silence. <sup>(2)</sup>

(2) To include explicitly a space for silent prayer before the celebrant's concluding prayer.

It is much to be recommended that the reader should make a marked pause before saying "Lord, hear us" so that the people may be recollected and consciously link their response "Lord, graciously hear us" with the intention proposed.

The Prayer of the Faithful is an integral part of the Mass. In the first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, the people have been reminded of the mighty works of God's grace and of their vocation as Christians. The Prayer of the Faithful begs God to continue to give his grace so that all the People of God will live up to that vocation. It leads on to the Liturgy of the Eucharist by expressing some of the intentions for which the sacrifice is

<sup>(1)</sup> See *De Oratione Communi seu Fidelium* published (pro manuscripto) by the Consilium ad Exsequendam Constitutionem de Sacra Liturgia, Vatican City, 1965.

<sup>(2)</sup> This also avoids cumbersome wording such as "That thou wouldst vouchsafe," etc.



offered. It should therefore always be said at public Masses on Sundays and Holy Days (Constitution, art. 53) and on other days when thought desirable.

## OF THE STRUCTURE AND MINISTER OF THE PRAYER

There are three elements in this prayer.

1. The Invitation to pray. The ancient Roman custom is that the Celebrant should say this, but the Instruction assigns it to the Deacon if present (n. 56).

It may be omitted for a sufficient reason provided that the homily is based on the liturgy of the day.

2. The Petitions. These are normally five in number :

- (i) For the needs of the Universal Church;
- (ii) For the needs of the nation and of the human race at large;
- (iii) For classes of people who have special needs;
- (iv) For the Congregation and the local community;
- (v) The prayer to Our Lady inserted in the scheme authorized for England and Wales following a medieval precedent. It is constant and always concludes the petitions.

It is recommended that these petitions be said by a Reader chosen from the congregation, who thus represents the People. In default of a Reader they are said by the Celebrant.

On the occasions of weddings, funerals, and other special events, three further suitable petitions may be added after the first four. (The latter must always have a certain universal scope and should therefore be chosen from the categories specified above.) The maximum number of petitions on any occasion is eight.

3. Pause for silent prayer.

4. The final prayer : always said by the Celebrant.

## OF FLEXIBILITY AND FREEDOM IN THE USE OF THE PRAYER

The Hierarchy of England and Wales as the competent local authority has laid down the general structure of this prayer as of obligation in order to ensure a reasonable uniformity.

However it is strongly recommended that great flexibility should be used. This collection and arrangement for the Sundays of the year is not of obligation. The celebrant should bear in mind needs which are of the moment, e.g. civil, industrial, international peace : ecumenical intentions during the week for Unity among Christians : a parochial or diocesan topical intention.

The rector of the church may make his own choice of petitions. He may compose his own (observing the rule of the four categories), provided they

are written out beforehand; he may not extemporize. The people should be encouraged to put forward their petitions in a box provided for the purpose. A selection might be made of these under one head, using the formula "*Let us pray for...*" followed by an appropriate brief petition or simply the versicle and response "Lord, hear us" etc.

What is essential is that the petitions should be actual, topical, linking the Mass directly with the needs and intentions of the community.



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# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**A**dvent reminds us of the coming of our Saviour. He came first in weakness. He will come again in glory. Let us pray for ourselves and all God's people: that as we remember his coming at Christmas, we may be ready for his Second Coming at the Last Day.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide and prosper the younger nations of the world, and assist them in their progress towards a fuller life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**end thy blessing upon our schools and on all who teach and learn therein. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**od, who art moved by repentance to have mercy even on the greatest sinners, look kindly on our humble prayers and enlighten our hearts, so that we may have strength to fulfil thy commandments: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he world was prepared for Christ's coming, as the prophets foretold, by the penitential life and preaching of St John the Baptist. Let us ask God to make us ever prepared to greet our Saviour.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who work for peace, that they may achieve this holy purpose. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the peace of Christ and the salvation which he came to bring. Lord, hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**W**e ask thee, Lord, in thy kindness to listen to our petitions and generously heed our humble prayers: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**W**ith joy and peace the people of God look forward to the coming of their Saviour. Let us ask him to make straight the way into our hearts that we may be filled with his grace.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**end us holy and zealous priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide and prosper the younger nations of the world, and assist them in their progress towards a fuller life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less and strengthen the sick, especially the sick of this parish, and all who have care of them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, our schools, and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**I**n the coming of Christ the salvation of all God's people is begun. Let us ask him through the merits and intercession of his blessed Mother, who first experienced the good tidings, to prepare us for his coming.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp us to realize that we are the stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp our people in their daily work so to dedicate their labour to thee that it may reflect the beauty of thy creation. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**L**et us pray. We ask thee, Lord, in thy kindness to listen to our petitions and generously heed our humble prayers: through our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# CHRISTMAS DAY

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

### THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**H**eaven and earth rejoice together: for the child who is born at Bethlehem is God made man. He has come to make us the sons of God. Let us pray that we may return him love for love.

### THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thy everlasting kingdom. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive peace and harmony in our homes, and a deep love of our holy religion. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, but prepare us for the rewards to come: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**S**imeon and Anna recognize their Saviour as Our Lady and St Joseph bring him into the Temple. Let us ask God to deepen in us also the virtues of faith and hope and love.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, especially this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide those who govern our country that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the peace of Christ and the salvation which he came to bring. Lord, hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten with mercy, Lord, to our prayers of humble petition; and, in order to grant our desires, make us ask what is according to thy will: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**J**esus our Lord proclaimed himself the light of the world. His followers walk not in darkness. We ask in his name that the Holy Spirit will enable us to see our way through life by the light of eternity.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**D**irect all rulers that thy people everywhere may know good government and enjoy lasting peace. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less and strengthen the sick, especially the sick of this parish, and all who have care of them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant spiritual refreshment to us all assembled here with thee, that the Eucharist may be for us the pledge of eternal glory. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance may nothing harmful befall us and good things be ours in full measure : through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he name of Jesus means Saviour. Let us ask our Lord to save us from sin and hell and bring us to everlasting life in heaven.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**end us zealous and holy priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them all with happiness, and bring them to thy everlasting kingdom. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, our refuge and our strength, listen to the devout prayers of thy Church, thou who art the source of compassion: and grant that what we ask in faith, we may obtain: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**W**hen the Wise Men came to Bethlehem, Christ our Lord was shown to the Gentiles. Let us ask him to help us all to show him to the world by the example of our lives.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**B**less the missions and all who work in them, and bring to thy Church those who do not yet know Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide and prosper the younger nations of the world, and assist them in their progress towards a fuller life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our young people, that, forgetful of themselves, they may find true happiness in knowing, loving, and serving thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**raciously receive the prayers of thy Church, we beg thee, Lord, so that she may triumph over all hostility and error, and serve thee in safety and freedom: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (THE HOLY FAMILY)

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he Holy House of Nazareth is the inspiration of all Christian family life. Obedience and love are here united. Let us ask God, through his Son, Jesus, to strengthen these virtues in the whole family of mankind.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant all nations true peace and understanding. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**ave pity on all prisoners and captives, those in exile, and all who suffer persecution. Strengthen and uphold them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God.

**P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their hearts: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he miracle of Cana shows forth Our Lord's divinity. It also shows the tender concern of Our Blessed Lady and the power of her prayer. Let us ask God to enrich us, through Our Lady's intercession, with all the graces that we need.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**R**emove all strife and bitterness from those who are at variance, so that they may serve thee in true brotherly love. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**P**rotect all who travel by land, sea, or air, that they may come safely to their destinations. May thy holy Angels guard them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, our schools, and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage, and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

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**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, but prepare us for the rewards to come : through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist our Lord came to cleanse all men from the leprosy and palsy of sin. Let us ask him to strengthen our faith and to draw all sinners to himself.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**trengthen all who are engaged in our country's defence and keep them and us from all harm. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant to doctors, surgeons, and nurses, wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire the faithful to show forth in their lives that they are followers of thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**W**e ask thee, Lord, in thy kindness to listen to our petitions and generously heed our humble prayers : through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od shows us the virtues which he wills us to practise in our lives. Let us ask him to enable us to do this and to have confidence in his unfailing help.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**anctify all bishops of the Church. Give them the grace to be true shepherds of their flocks, especially our own Bishop **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**D**irect all rulers that thy people everywhere may know good government and enjoy lasting peace. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**EAL thy servants, Lord, who are sick and put their trust in thee. Send them help, Lord, and comfort. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace of a happy death in peace and charity. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting : through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od is infinitely patient. It is only on the last day that he will finally destroy all that is evil. Let us ask him to increase the gift of patience in us and all his people.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, gracious hear us.

**G**rant to doctors, surgeons, and nurses, wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**trengthen the organizations of this parish, and inspire and guide their members that all may bear witness to Christ Our Lord and our unity in him. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God.

**P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od's Church has spread throughout the world, and everywhere the Holy Spirit prompts its members to follow their faith. Let us pray our heavenly Father that each one of us may become holier and bear witness to his name.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**E**nlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance may nothing harmful befall us and good things be ours in good measure: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od leads us to think of our redemption and all that he has achieved for us. Let us ask him to enable us by our daily efforts to become holier, and always to realize that it is never too late to begin or to better this great work.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive peace and harmony in our homes, and a deep love of our holy religion. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od our Father lovingly reminds us that we must make efforts and bear crosses if we are to overcome our fallen nature, and receive the word which he plants in our souls. Let us ask him to strengthen us in our combat with sin and enable us to emerge triumphant with him.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**end us zealous and holy priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who work for peace, that they may achieve their holy purpose. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire the faithful to show forth in their lives their following of thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**ur Lord invites us to go up to Jerusalem. In his company the whole mystery of our redemption is made present. Let no worldly pleasures deter us. May he heal us of all our spiritual blindness and grant to us and all God's people an understanding of his love.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant all nations true peace and understanding.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**ave pity on all prisoners and captives, those in exile, and all who suffer persecution. Strengthen and uphold them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire us with the light of thy Holy Spirit and teach us to know and do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**od, who art moved by repentance to have mercy even on the greatest sinners, look kindly on our humble prayers and enlighten our hearts, so that we may have strength to fulfil thy commandments: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

If we would share the joy of Easter, we must first follow Our Lord into the wilderness and begin a renewal of our lives. Fasting and self-denial are the weapons we must use in the conflict. Let us ask God to give us the grace to make and keep our Lenten resolutions.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

Watch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Help us to realize that we are the stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Stir our consciences to help the hungry and the poor throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Give us true sorrow for our sins and a firm purpose of amendment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

Let us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

O God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, but prepare us for the rewards to come: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od knows our frailty. But he asks us today to renew our courage and strive ever more earnestly to live according to his will. Peter and James and John were sustained in their trials when they saw Christ as God in the Transfiguration. By his presence in this Mass may he inspire us to renew our lives.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us,

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, our schools, and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage, and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-Virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**A**t our baptism we said “No” to Satan and “Yes” to Christ. But as long as life lasts the conflict will continue. The victory is only certain so long as we cling humbly to God. Let us ask Our Blessed Lady in this Mass to enable us to hear the word of God and keep it.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God’s people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**P**rotect all who travel by land, sea, or air, that they may come safely to their destinations. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire us with the light of the Holy Spirit and teach us to know and do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God’s people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**od, who art moved to have mercy even on the greatest sinner, look kindly on our humble prayers and enlighten our hearts, so that we may have strength to fulfil thy commandments: through Christ our Lord.

**P.** Amen.

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he Church rejoices today as Easter comes near. She is the Mother of us all: bringing us forth by baptism, washing our sins away by penance, nourishing us by the Eucharist. Let us ask our heavenly Father to make of us a faithful and holy people.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who work for peace, that they may achieve this holy purpose. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the peace of Christ and the salvation which he came to bring. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**B**e moved by our urgent petitions, Lord, to answer our prayer of faith. Let no hope be in vain, no entreaty fruitless: through Christ our Lord.

**P.** Amen.



# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN PASSIONTIDE

## THE INVITATIONS

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**I**t is through his Passion and his cross that Christ brings us to the glory of his resurrection. Let us ask him that we may be enabled by his grace to carry the cross with him, so that we may share in his victory over death.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, and our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive peace and harmony in our homes, and a deep love of our holy religion. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN PASSIONTIDE (PALM SUNDAY)

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**W**e begin today the week which is rightly called Holy Week. We have acclaimed Christ as our King; and now we are to keep him company in his Passion and death. Let us ask him to give us grace to share his sorrow and to rejoice in his victory.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**anctify all Bishops of the Church. Give them the grace to be true shepherds of their flocks, especially our own Bishop **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**M**ay we be given the grace to pray according to thy will for our enemies and all who persecute us. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace of a happy death in peace and charity.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**od, who art moved by repentance to have mercy even on the greatest sinners, look kindly on our humble prayers and enlighten our hearts, so that we may have strength to fulfil thy commandments: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# EASTER SUNDAY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist is risen. He has conquered sin and death. His victory is our victory: for we have been baptized into his saving death and the new life of the resurrection is ours. Let us pray that all his people may pass from death to life and from sin to holiness.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**D**irect all rulers that thy people everywhere may know good government and enjoy lasting peace. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, our schools, and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage, and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# LOW SUNDAY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**E**astertide goes on until Pentecost. The Church continues to remind us throughout this period that we are dead to sin and living in God. Let us ask the risen Christ to obtain for all of us the gift to persevere to the end.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**R**emove all strife and bitterness from those who are at variance, so that they may serve thee in true brotherly union. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**P**rotect all who travel by land, sea, or air, that they may come safely to their destinations. May thy holy angels guard them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, our refuge and our strength, listen to the devout prayers of thy Church, thou who art the source of compassion: and grant that what we ask in faith, we may obtain: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist is the Good Shepherd who knows his own and wills to lead us safely into the promised land of eternal life. Let us ask him for the grace always to hear his voice, to walk with him, and to respond generously to his love. And let us pray him that all his followers may be united in one flock.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**anctify all bishops of the Church. Give them the grace to be true shepherds of their flocks, especially our own Bishop **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less and strengthen the sick, especially the sick of this parish, and all who have care of them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our young people, that, forgetful of themselves, they may find true happiness in knowing, loving, and serving thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance, may nothing harmful befall us and good things be ours in full measure: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he joy of Easter remains for ever, but its completion is only to be found in heaven. Our Lord directs our minds there and promises by his ascension to lead the way. Let us ask him to enable us to live in this world as strangers and exiles, that we may become true citizens of his kingdom.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp us to realize that we are stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**M**ay we be given grace to pray according to thy will for our enemies and all who persecute us. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten with mercy, Lord, to our prayers of humble petition; and, in order to grant our desires, make us ask what is according to thy will: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**ur Lord tells us that his ascension will be followed by the descent of the Holy Spirit who will guide his people into all truth. Let us ask him to prepare us for Pentecost by the gift of patience and that he may enable us to mirror our faith in our lives and actions.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire us with the light of the Holy Spirit, and teach us how to know and do thy holy will. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist the Son is about to return to his Father. We too must return to God in his company. Let us ask him to enable us to realize that our salvation is only assured if we become doers of the word, not hearers only.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**end us zealous and holy priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp us to realize that we are the stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**onsole all who mourn, and bring them comfort.  
Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our young people, that, forgetful of themselves, they may find true happiness in knowing, loving, and serving thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**A**s the great high priest of the human race, Christ our Lord has entered for ever into the holy of holies of heaven, where he lives now, ever to intercede for us. It is the risen and glorified and ascended Christ who nourishes us in the Blessed Sacrament. As we prepare to receive this heavenly food, let us ask him to lead us and all his people to our eternal home.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less and strengthen the sick, especially the sick of this parish, and all who have care of them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant spiritual refreshment to us all assembled here with thee, that the Eucharist may be for us a pledge of eternal glory. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten with mercy, Lord, to our prayers of humble petition; and, in order to grant our desires, make us ask what is according to thy will: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**ur Lord has ascended into heaven. Now he will fulfil his promise to send the Holy Spirit who will strengthen God's people to bear witness to Jesus through every persecution. Let us ask Our Lord through the intercession of Our Lady and the Apostles to prepare us for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**B**less the missions and all who work in them, and bring to thy Church those who do not yet know thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant all nations true peace and understanding.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**P**rotect all who travel by land, sea, or air, that they may come safely to their destinations. May thy holy angels guard them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**R**eward all our benefactors, both living and dead, with the gift of eternal happiness. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**od, who art moved by repentance to have mercy even on the greatest of sinners, look kindly on our humble prayers and enlighten our hearts, so that we may have strength to fulfil thy commandments: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# PENTECOST OR WHIT SUNDAY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od breathes the Spirit of his love upon us and all his people. It is the same Spirit who leads us to the fullness of truth. We are his living temples. Let us pray that we may live up to the truth of our faith in the spirit of love.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our sovereign **N.**, and all the royal family. Guide those who govern our country, that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive peace and harmony in our homes, and a deep love of our holy religion. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# TRINITY SUNDAY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od of his great love reveals to us the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, three Persons in One God. We are the children of the Father, the brethren of the Son, the temples of the Holy Spirit. Let us ask the Father, through his Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit, for the needs of ourselves and all God's people.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide those who govern our country that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace to pray according to thy will for our enemies and all who persecute us. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, but prepare us for the rewards to come: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# CORPUS CHRISTI

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**I**n the Blessed Sacrament Our Lord has given himself to be our food. By this gift, the memory of his Passion is brought to our minds; our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of eternal glory is given to us. Let us ask God the Father to give us a great reverence and love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**D**irect all rulers that thy people everywhere may know good government and enjoy lasting peace. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace to pray according to thy will for our enemies and all who persecute us. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace of a happy death in peace and charity. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten with mercy, Lord, to our prayers of humble petition; and, in order to grant our desires, make us ask what is according to thy will: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**ur minds are full of God's great love in giving us the Blessed Sacrament. This heavenly banquet is a foretaste of eternal joy. Let us ask Our Lord that now and always we may receive him worthily, and, nourished by him, become more and more a holy people.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**R**emove all strife and bitterness from those who are at variance, so that they may serve thee in true brotherly union. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**eal thy servants, Lord, who are sick and put their trust in thee. Send them help, Lord, and comfort. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**n Calvary, when his heart was pierced by the lance, Our Lord poured forth the last drop of his precious blood for us. So his sacrifice was completed. Let us ask him in this holy Mass to give us the grace to show some return for his incomparable love and to make reparation for all our sins and those of all God's people.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive all nations true peace and understanding. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less the families of this place, our schools and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**od, who art moved by repentance to have mercy even on the greatest sinners, look kindly on our humble prayers and enlighten our hearts, so that we may have strength to fulfil thy commandments: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od's love for the repentant sinner is shown to us in the tenderness of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us pray that we and all his people may respond effectively to his love.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant all nations true peace and understanding.  
**G** Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**ave pity on all prisoners and captives, those in exile, all who suffer persecution. Strengthen, and uphold them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive us strength to bear our crosses in union with Christ our Lord. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting them in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**ur Saviour, of his great love, has given the Church to us as our spiritual home. He appointed Peter and the Apostles to have charge of this household. He calls others also and bids them too be fishers of men. Let us beg him to enrich his Church with apostolic labourers who will lead all men to holiness.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive us strength to bear our crosses in union with Christ our Lord. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance may nothing harmful befall us and good things be ours in full measure: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od calls us to love him and our neighbours as ourselves for his sake. In serving others we can show our love for him. Let us ask him to increase this charity in all our hearts.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp us to realize that we are the stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**M**ay we be given grace to pray according to thy will for our enemies and all who persecute us. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od plants the seed of true religion in our souls and brings it to maturity. This he effects especially by baptism and the Eucharist. In this Mass we thank him again for our redemption and beg him to intensify the spiritual growth of our souls.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less and strengthen the sick, especially the sick of this parish, and all who have care of them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire us with the light of the Holy Spirit and teach us to know and do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, our refuge and our strength, listen to the devout prayers of thy Church, thou who art the source of compassion: and grant that what we ask in faith, we may obtain: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**ur Lord tells us today that just as the tree is known by its fruit, so the true Christian is known, not by what he says but by what he does. Let us ask him that all our words and actions may be directed to fulfilling the holy will of God.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**end us zealous and holy priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant all nations true peace and understanding.

**L**ord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, Patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, our schools and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**od, who art moved by repentance to have mercy even on the greatest sinners, look kindly on our humble prayers and enlighten our hearts, so that we may have strength to fulfil thy commandments: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od tells us that the zeal of the children of this world in earthly affairs should serve as a model in our strivings after an eternal goal. Let us ask him to enable us to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit that we may be true sons of God.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp us to realize that we are the stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant spiritual refreshment to us all assembled here with thee, that the Eucharist may be for us a pledge of eternal glory. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary. *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance may nothing harmful befall us and good things be ours in full measure: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od shows us how the earthly Jerusalem rejected his Son and earned destruction. Let us ask him to make our souls ever more ready to receive him, that we may live eternally with Christ our Lord.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**D**irect all rulers that thy people everywhere may know good government and enjoy lasting peace. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less and strengthen the sick, especially the sick of this parish, and all who have care of them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp our people in their daily work to dedicate their labours to thee that it may reflect the beauty of thy creation. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, but prepare us for the rewards to come: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**A**ll our gifts proceed from God and must be used in his service. The realization of this makes us humble and dependent on him. Let us ask our heavenly Father for the gift of true humility, remembering that he who humbles himself will be exalted.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**E**nlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**ave pity on all prisoners and captives, those in exile, and all who suffer persecution. Strengthen and uphold them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire us with the light of the Holy Spirit and teach us to know and to do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**B**e moved by our urgent petitions, Lord, to answer our prayer of faith. Let no hope be in vain, no entreaty fruitless: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**A**t our baptism Our Lord opened our ears to hear him and loosed our tongues to praise him. In the holy Mass he continues and perfects this work. Let us ask him, by his glorious resurrection, to make us prompt to hear his voice and always ready to speak to him in prayer.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**anctify all bishops of the Church. Give them the grace to be true shepherds of their flocks, especially our own Bishop **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**end us fair weather and rain in due season, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**onsole all those who mourn, and bring them comfort.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, our schools, and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, **etc.**

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**raciously receive the prayers of thy Church, we beg thee, Lord, so that she may triumph over all hostility and error, and serve thee in safety and freedom: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**ur Lord is the good Samaritan of our race. He has raised up fallen humanity and heals its wounds by the sacraments of his Church. Let us beg him to fill our souls with the splendour of his grace so that we too may help others in their spiritual need.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**trengthen all who are engaged in our country's defence and keep them and us from all harm. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord graciously hear us.

**I**nspire us with the light of the Holy Spirit and teach us to know and to do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ our Lord.

**P.** Amen.

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he Mass is the Eucharist, which means the Great Thanksgiving. Let us ask Christ our Saviour in this Mass to deepen our faith, increase our hope and love, and fill us and all God's people with a constant gratitude for our cleansing from the leprosy of sin.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**R**emove all strife and bitterness from those who are at variance, so that they may serve thee in true brotherly union. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, our refuge and our strength, listen to the devout prayers of thy Church, thou who art the source of compassion: and grant that what we ask in faith, we may obtain: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**here will always be a conflict between the spirit of the world and the Holy Spirit of God. We have pledged ourselves to be followers of Christ. Let us ask him in this Mass to give us the grace ever to seek first the things of God.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**end us zealous and holy priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**trengthen all who are engaged in our country's defence and keep them and us from all harm. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire us with the light of the Holy Spirit and teach us to know and do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**B**e moved by our urgent petition, Lord, to answer our prayer of faith. Let no hope be in vain, no entreaty fruitless: through Christ our Lord.

**P.** Amen.

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**ur Lord 'who is the resurrection and life' has rescued us from death. Our souls have been revived by baptism and the Eucharist. Our bodies will rise again on the last day. Let us ask him that we and all God's people may live ever in his grace.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially the congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant all nations true peace and understanding.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less and strengthen the sick, especially the sick of this parish, and all who have care of them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance may nothing harmful befall us and good things be ours in full measure: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**W**e can only proclaim Christ's love by showing our utter dependence upon him. Of ourselves we can do nothing. With Christ we can do all things. Let us ask him to grant us that true humility which alone can make us realize that all we have and are is the gift of God.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**anctify all bishops of the Church. Give them the grace to be true shepherds of their flocks, especially our own Bishop **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**E**nable all those institutions and individuals who strive for peace to obtain it. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**E**nlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**tir our consciences to help the hungry and the poor throughout the world. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**B**y Baptism we have become God's own people; one in faith, one in hope, one in love. Let us ask him to deepen our love for him and for others.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**B**less the missions and all who work in them, and bring to thy Church those who do not yet know Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**B**e moved by our urgent petitions, Lord, to answer our prayer of faith. Let no hope be in vain, no entreaty fruitless: through Christ our Lord.

**P.** Amen.



# THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**A**s Christians we look forward to the final consummation of all things in Christ. Let us take courage from his loving mercy and ask him for the gift of final perseverance.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Guide those who govern our country, that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive peace and harmony in our homes, and a deep love of our holy religion. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, our refuge and our strength, listen to the devout prayers of thy Church, thou who art the source of compassion: and grant that what we ask in faith, we may obtain: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he Church expectantly awaits the second coming of Christ our Lord. At Mass, which is a pledge of our eternal happiness, we are the guests clothed in the wedding garment signifying the life of grace. Let us ask Our Lord to keep us pure and clean from sin.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**end us fair weather and rain in due season, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant spiritual refreshment to all assembled here with thee, that the Eucharist may be for us a pledge of eternal glory. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**W**e ask thee, Lord, in thy kindness to listen to our petitions and generously heed our humble prayers: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od reminds us that here we have no abiding city, and that we should live as exiles. Let us ask him to increase the virtue of hope in our hearts and to place our confidence ever more deeply in him.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**B**less the missions and all who work in them, and bring to thy Church those who do not yet know our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them in all happiness, and bring them to thy everlasting kingdom. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**M**ay we be given the grace to pray according to thy will for our enemies and all who persecute us. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire the faithful to show forth in their lives that they are followers of thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, our refuge and our strength, listen to the devout prayers of thy Church, thou who art the source of compassion: and grant that what we ask in faith, we may obtain: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he Church tells us that we must be ever watchful and ready to meet our loving Saviour. Let us ask him for the grace ever to be prepared for our day of reckoning: that we may never be found wanting.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**e mindful of those who died fighting for their country, and all who have sacrificed themselves for our well-being. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**tir our conscience to help the hungry and the poor throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**trengthen the organizations of this parish, and inspire and guide their members that all may bear witness to Christ our Lord and our unity in him. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten with mercy, Lord, to our prayers of humble petition; and, in order to grant our desires, make us ask what is according to thy will: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**W**hen the last day comes we shall be judged according to the love that we have shown for God and our neighbour. Let us ask Our Lord to enable us to judge all things in the light of eternity.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**end us zealous and holy priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**W**e ask thee, Lord, in thy kindness to listen to our petitions and generously to heed our humble prayers: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he Church reminds us that we must not shun hardship and suffering but be mindful of the glorious rewards promised to those who are faithful to Christ in his sufferings. Let us ask him that we and all his people may not drag our cross but be ready to carry it.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**P**rosper, we pray thee, the industries of this land and all who work in them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire the faithful to show forth in their lives that they are followers of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, **etc.**

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, whose mercy is beyond telling and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, but prepare us for the rewards to come: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# THE TWENTY-FOURTH AND LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he holy sacrifice of the Mass is a foretaste of Our Lord's return at the last day. As we approach the season of his coming, let us ask Our Lord to enliven our hearts and those of all God's people to look forward with joy to our heavenly home.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**E**nable all those institutions and individuals who strive for peace to obtain it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**onsole all who mourn, and bring them comfort.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace of a happy death, in peace and charity.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the Intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# SS. PETER AND PAUL

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od has consecrated this day by the martyrdom of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Let us beg him through their intercession to enable all men to know, love, and serve him in the Church founded on the apostles.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**trengthen the organizations of this parish, and inspire and guide their members that all may bear witness to Christ our Lord and our unity in him. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**tir our consciences to help the hungry and the poor throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**B**e moved by our urgent petitions, Lord, to answer our prayer of faith. Let no hope be in vain, no entreaty fruitless: through Christ our Lord.

**P.** Amen.



# THE KINGSHIP OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist our Lord, having conquered sin and death, rules and reigns over his Church for ever. We are the subjects of Christ our King. We thank him once again for his victory, which is our victory also. Let us pledge our loyalty anew, and ask him that we and all his people may remain ever faithful in his service.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Guide those who govern our country, that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**ave pity on all prisoners and captives, those in exile, and all who suffer persecution. Strengthen, and uphold them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**trengthen the organizations of this parish, and inspire and guide their members that all may bear witness to Christ our Lord and our unity in him. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, but prepare us for the rewards to come: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**n this feast of Our Blessed Lady, Mother of God and Mother of his people, we ask almighty God to fill our hearts with thanks for our redemption: and by Our Lady's unfailing intercession to give us the grace of rising in glory at the last day, to be united with him for ever in heaven.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**B**less all priests and all men and women consecrated to thy service in the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**e mindful of those who have died in fighting for their country, and all who have sacrificed themselves for our well-being. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, our schools and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**W**e ask thee, Lord, in thy kindness to listen to our petitions and generously heed our humble prayers: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# ALL SAINTS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he souls of the just are in the hands of God, the great throng of those redeemed by Christ our Lord. They are united with us in the communion of saints. Through their intercession may God grant to us and all his people the gifts and graces we need.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant all nations true peace and understanding.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace of a happy death in peace and charity.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**W**e ask thee, Lord, in thy kindness to listen to our petitions and generously heed our humble prayers: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# ALL SOULS' DAY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**O**ur minds turn today from the Church rejoicing in heaven to the Church suffering in Purgatory. Let us ask God our Father, in the sacrifice we offer, to bring the holy souls speedily to their heavenly home, and by their intercession to grant new graces to the Church on earth.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**e mindful of those who have died in fighting for their country, and all who have sacrificed themselves for our well-being. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace of a happy death in peace and charity. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy departed servants forgiveness of all their sins. Let our loving entreaties obtain for them the pardon they have always desired: thou who livest and reignest for ever. **P.** Amen.



# FEASTS OF OUR LADY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**People.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

1) On this feast of Our Blessed Lady, Mother of God, we thank Our Lord for giving her to us to be our mother also. We ask him, by Our Lady's un-failing intercession, to assist us and all God's people now and at the hour of our death.

**C.** Let us pray.

2) Our Blessed Lady was the first of all the redeemed. In her Immaculate Conception and glorious Assumption the achievement of her Son is to be seen. Let us pray that all God's people, helped by her motherly intercession, may grow in the likeness of Christ.

**C.** Let us pray.

3) Christ our Lord has given his blessed Mother to be the Mother of all his people. Let us thank him for this incomparable gift and ask him, through her loving intercession, to grant us all that we need for soul and body.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

Let us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

We ask thee, Lord, in thy kindness to listen to our petitions and generously heed our humble prayers: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

## FEASTS OF ST JOSEPH

### THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

St Joseph, chosen to provide for all Christ's needs on earth, remains the protector and guardian of his Church. Let us ask God by the intercession of St Joseph that we and all his people may be protected from all evil.

### THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

Give thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Remove all strife and bitterness from those who are at variance, so that they may serve thee in true brotherly love. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Into thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Bless all the families of this place, our schools, and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)



Let us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

Listen to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance may nothing harmful befall us and good things be ours in good measure: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

## FEASTS OF THE ANGELS

### THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

The angels live for ever in the light of God's presence and are at the same time the messengers of his love. We ask him through their prayers that we and all God's people may be faithful to his message.

### THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

Watch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Send us fair weather and rain in due season, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Grant to all doctors, surgeons, and nurses, wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Bless our young people, that, forgetful of themselves, they may find true happiness in knowing, loving, and serving thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

Let us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

O God, our refuge and our strength, listen to the devout prayers of thy Church, thou who art the source of compassion: and grant that what we ask in faith, we may obtain: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

## THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH. I

### THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

This is the house of God and the gate of heaven. In thanking him for the gifts we here receive, let us ask him to make us and all his people living temples of the Holy Spirit.

### THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

Grant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Guide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Look with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Bless the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

Let us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*



**CELEBRANT.**

**G**rant us the peace of Christ and the salvation which he came to bring: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

## THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH. II

### THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist Our Lord calls us to bear witness to him. Let us ask him that all Christians may answer his call.

### THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**B**less all priests and all men and women consecrated to thy service in the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thy everlasting kingdom. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**onsole all those who mourn, and bring them comfort.  
Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**R**eward all our benefactors, both living and dead, with the gift of eternal happiness. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, but prepare us for the rewards to come: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# FEASTS OF SAINTS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od has raised up his saints to show how his great power finds its full scope in our weakness. Let us ask him, through the prayers of this saint, to obtain for us and all his people the realization that without him we can do nothing, but with him, all things.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find the unity for which Christ prayed. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, etc.

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# AT A CONFIRMATION. I

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od breathes the Spirit of his love upon us and all his people. It is the same Spirit who leads us to holiness. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds so that we may know God better and to warm our hearts so that we may love him more.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**E**nlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**eal thy servants, Lord, who are sick and put their trust in thee. Send them help, Lord, and comfort. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide us with the power of the Holy Spirit and teach us to know and do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may learn to love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# AT A CONFIRMATION. II

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od breathes the Spirit of his love upon us and all his people. It is the same Spirit who leads us to the fullness of Truth. We are his living temples and with all his people pray that we may ever seek the truth in the spirit of love.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**M**ay we be given the grace to pray according to thy will for our enemies and all who persecute us. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant that those who today receive thy sacraments may derive from them plentiful grace. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**W**e ask thee, Lord, in thy kindness to listen to our petitions and generously heed our humble prayers: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# ANY SAINT'S DAY

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he souls of the just are in the hands of God. They are for us and all God's people the pledge of Christ's achievement. With all the heavenly host they are united with us in the communion of saints. Through their intercession may God grant to us and all his people the gifts and graces we need.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who work for peace, that they may achieve this holy purpose. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us. **P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

*(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# A NUPTIAL MASS. I

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**W**e have witnessed God's blessing on this marriage. Let us ask him now to provide for all the needs of **N.** and **N.** and for all families of his people throughout the world.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp us to realize that we are stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**P**rotect all who travel by land, sea, or air, that they may come safely to their destinations. May thy holy angels guard them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive peace and harmony in our homes, and a deep love of our holy religion. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**ANY THREE OF THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS MAY NOW BE ADDED:**

1. Grant well-being of mind and body to **N.** and **N.**, now united in holy matrimony. Lord, **etc.**
2. Sanctify this marriage by thy continued presence as thou didst at Cana in Galilee. Lord, **etc.**
3. Grant through the union of thy servants **N.** and **N.** the grace of a new Christian family. Lord, **etc.**
4. Preserve the happiness of this Bride and Bridegroom through a deep understanding of the Faith. Lord, **etc.**
5. Give this Bride and Bridegroom the grace to bear witness to the holiness of the married state. Lord, **etc.**
6. Renew by thy Holy Spirit the grace of this Sacrament for all married people here present today. Lord, **etc.**



Let us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (*Pause for silent prayer.*)

**CELEBRANT.**

O God our Father, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant to these servants of thine that, loving one another, they may continue in thy love throughout their lives here on earth and hereafter in heaven: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

## A NUPTIAL MASS. II

### THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

Let us ask of God our Father, who through his Church has blessed this union, to keep **N.** and **N.** and all Christian people faithful to him and united to one another.

### THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

Teach us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Help us to realize that we are the stewards of all we possess, and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Protect all who travel by land, sea, or air, that they may come safely to their destinations. May thy holy angels guard them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

Inspire thy faithful to show forth in their lives that they are followers of thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**ANY THREE OF THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS MAY NOW BE ADDED:**

1. Grant well-being of mind and body to **N.** and **N.**, now united in holy matrimony. Lord, *etc.*

2. Sanctify this marriage by thy continued presence as thou didst at Cana in Galilee. Lord, *etc.*
3. Grant through the union of thy servants *N.* and *N.* the grace of a new Christian family. Lord, *etc.*
4. Preserve the happiness of this Bride and Bridegroom through a deep understanding of the Faith. Lord, *etc.*
5. Give to this Bride and Bridegroom the grace to bear witness to the holiness of the married state. Lord, *etc.*
6. Renew by thy Holy Spirit the grace of this sacrament for all married people here present today. Lord, *etc.*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. *P.* Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (*Pause for silent prayer.*)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God our Father, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant to these servants of thine that, loving one another, they may continue in thy love throughout their lives here on earth and hereafter in heaven: through Christ our Lord. *P.* Amen.

## REQUIEM MASS. I

### THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist our Lord, by his victory over sin and death, has opened the gates of heaven for all his people. We pray that *N.* may come to our true home in heaven and that God will reunite us all there in his own good time.

### THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**e mindful of those who have died in fighting for their country, and for all who have sacrificed themselves for our well-being. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.



Into thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace of a happy death in peace and charity.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**ANY THREE OF THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS MAY NOW BE ADDED:**

1. Lead thy departed servant **N.** into the company of all the saints. Lord, *etc.*
2. Bring to a happy resurrection thy departed servant **N.**, who on earth was nourished by Christ's Body, the bread of eternal life. Lord, *etc.*
3. (*Bishop or priest*). May this departed servant **N.** (consecrated a bishop and) sealed with the sacred priesthood, share in the eternal offering of Christ, our great High Priest. Lord, *etc.*
4. Grant to all our relatives, friends, and benefactors, who have departed this life, eternal rest. Lord, *etc.*
5. Bring comfort to all who mourn and grant them consolation. Lord, *etc.*
6. Grant to the souls of thy servants the forgiveness of all their sins, that through our prayers they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Lord. *etc.*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (*Pause for silent prayer.*)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy departed servants forgiveness of their sins. Let our loving entreaties obtain for them the pardon they have always desired: thou who livest and reignest for ever. **P.** Amen.

## REQUIEM MASS. II

### THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**A**s we pray for the repose of **N.** let us ask God the almighty Father to console all those who mourn and give to all his people the grace to prepare for death by holiness of life.



## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**e mindful of those who have died in fighting for their country, and all who have sacrificed themselves for our well-being. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**onsole all those who mourn, and bring them comfort.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive us strength to bear our crosses in union with Christ our Lord. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**ANY THREE OF THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS MAY NOW BE ADDED:**

1. Lead thy departed servant **N.** into the company of all the saints. Lord, *etc.*
2. Bring to a happy resurrection thy departed servant **N.**, who on earth was nourished by Christ's Body, the bread of eternal life. Lord, *etc.*
3. (*Bishop or priest*). May this departed servant **N.**, (consecrated a bishop and) sealed with the sacred priesthood, share in the eternal offering of Christ, our great High Priest. Lord, *etc.*
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5. Bring comfort to all who mourn and grant them consolation. Lord, *etc.*
6. Grant to the souls of thy servants the forgiveness of all their sins, that through our prayers they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Lord, *etc.*

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, *etc.*

Let us now pray for a while in silence. (*Pause for silent prayer.*)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy departed servants forgiveness of all their sins. Let our loving entreaties obtain for them the pardon they have always desired: thou who livest and reignest for ever. **P.** Amen.



# BAPTISMS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od, our Father, has brought us together as his family. Let us humbly ask him for all our needs.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find unity in thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)**

**L**et us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the glorious and ever-virgin Mother of God. **P.** Hail Mary, **etc.**

Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# BENEDICTION (HOLY HOUR)

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist Our Lord has died and risen again for all men. Let us ask him that all may come to know his truth.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**W**atch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father, Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp us to realize that we are the stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace of a happy death in peace and charity. Lord, hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# BIBLE VIGILS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist Our Lord calls us to bear witness to him. Let us ask him that all Christians may answer his call.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who work for peace that they may achieve this holy purpose. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire us with the light of the Holy Spirit and teach us to know and do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

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**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast filled the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy good pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# CENOTAPH SERVICES

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od, our Father, has brought us here together as his family. Let us now humbly ask him for all our needs.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find unity in thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**trengthen all who are engaged in our country's defence and keep them from all harm. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**ave pity on all prisoners and captives, those in exile, and all who suffer persecution. Strengthen and uphold them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive us strength to bear our crosses in union with Christ Our Lord. Lord, hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy departed servants forgiveness of all their sins. Let our loving entreaties obtain for them the pardon they have always desired: thou who livest and reignest for ever. **P.** Amen.



# EDUCATION DAYS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od, our Father, has brought us here together as his family. Let us now humbly ask him for all our needs.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**E**nlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less especially the families of this place, our schools and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten with mercy, Lord, to our prayers of humble petition; and, in order to grant our desires, make us ask what is according to thy will: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# FIRST COMMUNIONS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**G**od, our Father, has brought us here together as his family. Let us now humbly ask him for all our needs.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**S**tir our conscience to help the hungry and the poor throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our young people, that, forgetful of themselves, they may find true happiness in knowing, loving, and serving thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

(One, two, or at most three other petitions, appropriate to the time and occasion, may be added here from the Appendix.)

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance may nothing harmful befall us and good things be ours in full measure: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# FUNERALS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**A**s we pray for the repose of **N.**, let us ask God the almighty Father to console all those who mourn and give to all his people the grace to prepare for death by holiness of life.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**e mindful of those who have died defending their country, and all who have sacrificed themselves for our well-being. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**onsole all who mourn, and bring them comfort.  
Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**rant us the grace of a happy death in peace and charity.  
Lord, hear us.

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**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy departed servants forgiveness of all their sins. Let our loving entreaties obtain for them the pardon they have always desired: thou who livest and reignest for ever. **P.** Amen.

# MAY PROCESSIONS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist Our Lord has given his blessed Mother to be the Mother of all his people. Let us thank him for this tremendous gift and ask him, through her loving intercession, to grant us all we need for soul and body.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**end us zealous and holy priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less our Sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Guide those who govern our country, that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues. Lord, hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, our refuge and our strength, listen to the devout prayers of thy Church, thou who art the source of compassion: and grant that what we ask in faith, we may obtain: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# MISSIONS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist Our Lord has died and risen again for all men. Let us ask him that all may come to know his truth.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp us to realize that we are the stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nto thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**R**enew thy Spirit within us, that our Mission may be fruitful in the lives of all thy people. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

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**CELEBRANT.**

**A**lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting: through Christ Our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# ORDINATIONS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist Our Lord calls us to bear witness to him. Let us ask him that all Christians may answer his call.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**S**end us zealous and holy priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**E**nlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning.  
Lord, hear us.

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**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**I**nspire the faithful to show forth in their lives their following of thee. Lord, hear us.

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**CELEBRANT.**

**O** God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, but prepare us for the rewards to come: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# PATRONAL FEASTS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**T**he souls of the just are in the hands of God. They are for us and for all God's people the pledge of Christ's achievement. With all the heavenly host they are united with us in the communion of saints. Through their intercession may God grant to us and all his people the gifts and graces we need.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**H**elp us to realise that we are the stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**C**omfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. (Pause for silent prayer.)

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**od, who art moved by repentance to have mercy even on the greatest sinners, look kindly on our humble prayers and enlighten our hearts, so that we may have strength to fulfil thy commandments: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# PILGRIMAGES

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist Our Lord calls us to bear witness to him. Let us ask him that all Christians may answer his call.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**rant that all Christian people may know and find unity in thee. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**P**rotect all who travel by land, sea, or air, that they may come safely to their destinations. May thy holy angels guard them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all those who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

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**CELEBRANT.**

**B**e moved by our urgent petitions, Lord, to answer our prayer of faith. Let no hope be in vain, no entreaty fruitless: through Christ our Lord.

**P.** Amen.



# YOUTH RALLIES

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**C**hrist Our Lord calls us to bear witness to him. Let us ask him that all Christians may answer his call.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**T**each us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**uide and prosper the younger nations of the world, and assist them in their progress towards a fuller life. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**L**ook with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

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Let us now pray for a while in silence. **(Pause for silent prayer.)**

**CELEBRANT.**

**G**raciously, receive the prayers of thy Church, we beg thee, Lord, so that she may triumph over all hostility and error, and serve thee in safety and freedom: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

# WEDDINGS

## THE INVITATION

**CELEBRANT.** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE.** And also with you.

**C.** Let us pray.

**L**et us ask God our Father, who through his Church has blessed this union, to keep **N.** and **N.** and all Christian people faithful to him and united to one another.

## THE PETITIONS

**READER.**

**G**ive thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**B**less all who work for peace, that they may achieve this holy purpose. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**P**rotect all who travel by land, sea, or air, that they may come safely to their destinations. May thy holy angels guard them. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

**G**ive peace and harmony in our homes, and a deep love of our holy religion. Lord, hear us.

**P.** Lord, graciously hear us.

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**CELEBRANT.**

**L**isten to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance may nothing harmful befall us and good things be ours in full measure: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.



# APPENDIX

## PETITIONS

### BAPTISM

Grant the gift of final perseverance to all those in whom today sin will be destroyed by Baptism and who will begin the new life of grace, in union with thee and all thy people. Lord, hear us.

### BENEFACTORS

Reward all our benefactors, both living and dead, with the gift of eternal happiness. Lord, hear us.

### BISHOPS

Sanctify all bishops of the Church. Give them the grace to be true shepherds of their flocks, especially our own Bishop **N.** Lord, hear us.

### CHURCH

Watch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

### CHURCH AND POPE

Watch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

### CITIZENS

Guide the minds and hearts of all our citizens that they may strive to know thy will and to follow it. Lord, hear us.

### CIVIL STRIFE

Remove all strife and bitterness from those who are at variance, so that they may serve thee in true brotherly union. Lord, hear us.

### COMMUNION (FIRST)

Grant that all those who receive Holy Communion today may love the Blessed Sacrament and be faithful until death. Lord, hear us.

### CONFESSION

Grant that all those who at this time seek forgiveness of their sins may receive thy pardon and persevere in thy grace. Lord, hear us.

### CONFIRMATION

Grant that those who today receive the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit may always be loyal and faithful Catholics and true disciples to thee. Lord, hear us.

## **COUNCIL OR SYNOD**

Grant to the Bishops of thy Church throughout the world, now assembled together with our Holy Father the Pope, thy special assistance and inspiration. Lord, hear us.

## **CROPS**

Send us fair weather and rain in due season, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth. Lord, hear us.

## **CROSSES**

Give us strength to bear our crosses in union with Christ Our Lord. Lord, hear us.

## **DEAD**

Lead **N.** thy departed servant into the company of all the saints. Lord, hear us.

Bring to a happy resurrection thy departed servant **N.**, who on earth has been nourished by the bread of eternal life. Lord, hear us.

Grant to all our relatives, friends, and benefactors, who have departed this life, eternal rest. Lord, hear us.

Grant to the souls of thy servants the forgiveness of all their sins, that through our prayers they may obtain the pardon they have always desired. Lord, hear us.

Be mindful of those who have died in defending their country, and all who have sacrificed themselves for our well-being. Lord, hear us.

## **DEAD (BISHOP OR PRIEST)**

May this thy departed servant **N.**, (consecrated a bishop and) sealed with the sacred priesthood, share in the eternal priestly offering. Lord, hear us.

## **DOCTORS**

Grant to doctors, surgeons, and nurses, wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering. Lord, hear us.

## **DYING**

Into thy hands we commend all those who are now in their last agony. May Our Lady, Consoler of the afflicted, and St Joseph, patron of the dying, intercede for them at this moment. Lord, hear us.

## **ELECTION OF POPE OR BISHOP**

Grant to thy Church a Bishop (a Pope) who by his zeal for souls may be pleasing to thee and who for his good government may ever be honoured by thy people. Lord, hear us.



## **ELECTIONS**

Assist us to choose for government such people as will have regard to thee and the good of thy people. Lord, hear us.

## **ENEMIES**

May we be given the grace to pray according to thy will for our enemies and all who persecute us. Lord, hear us.

## **EXILES**

Have pity on all prisoners and captives, those in exile, and all who suffer persecution. Strengthen and uphold them. Lord, hear us.

## **FAMILY**

Bless especially the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues. Lord, hear us.

Give peace and harmony in our homes, and a deep love of our holy religion. Lord, hear us.

## **FELLOW CHRISTIANS**

Bless all those who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

## **FIDELITY**

Inspire the faithful to show forth in their lives their following of thee. Lord, hear us.

## **FORCES**

Strengthen all who are engaged in our country's defence and keep them and us from all harm. Lord, hear us.

## **GOVERNMENT**

Bless our Sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Guide those who govern our country, that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

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## **GUIDANCE**

Inspire us with the light of the Holy Spirit and teach us to know and do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

## **HAPPY DEATH**

Grant us the grace of a happy death in peace and charity. Lord, hear us.

## **HOLY ORDERS**

Bless this servant of thine **N.**, newly ordained priest. Enrich him more and more with true priestly holiness. Give him a generous apostolic heart, full of love for thee and thy people. Lord, hear us.

Bless and make fruitful the work of this priest when he instructs the children, preaches to the people, consoles penitents, and assists the sick and dying. Lord, hear us.

Bless the parents of this priest and all who have helped to lead him to the altar. Lord, hear us.

## **HOLY SPIRIT**

Guide us by the light of thy Holy Spirit and teach us to know and do thy holy will. Lord, hear us.

## **HUNGRY**

Stir our conscience to help the hungry and the poor throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

## **INDUSTRIAL STRIFE**

Remove all strife and bitterness from those who are at variance, so that they may serve thee in true brotherly union. Lord, hear us.

## **INDUSTRIES**

Prosper, we pray thee, the industries of this land and all those who work in them. Lord, hear us.

## **INTERIOR PEACE**

Grant us the peace which thou alone canst give. Lord, hear us.

## **JUBILEES**

Fill our hearts with thankfulness for all the graces bestowed upon us (especially.....) and grant that we may continue to be faithful until death. Lord, hear us.

## **LENT**

Give us true sorrow for our sins and a firm purpose of amendment. Lord, hear us.

## **LONELY**

Comfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

## **MASS**

Grant spiritual refreshment to us all assembled here with thee, that the Eucharist may be for us the pledge of eternal glory. Lord, hear us.



## **MATRIMONY**

Sanctify this marriage by thy continued presence as thou didst at Cana in Galilee. Lord, hear us.

Grant through the union of thy servants **N.** and **N.** the grace of a new Christian family. Lord, hear us.

Preserve the happiness of this Bride and Bridegroom through a deep understanding of the Faith. Lord, hear us.

Give to this Bride and Bridegroom the grace to bear witness to the holiness of the married state. Lord, hear us.

Renew by thy Holy Spirit the grace of this sacrament for all married people here present today. Lord, hear us.

## **MISSIONS**

Bless the missions and all who work in them, and bring to thy Church those who do not yet know thee. Lord, hear us.

## **PARISH MISSIONS**

Renew thy Spirit within us, that our mission may be fruitful in the lives of all thy people. Lord, hear us.

## **MOURNERS**

Console all those who mourn, and bring them comfort. Lord, hear us.

Bring comfort to all who mourn and grant them consolation. Lord, hear us.

## **NEEDY**

Look with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

## **NURSES**

Grant to doctors, surgeons, and nurses, wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who labour to prevent suffering. Lord, hear us.

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

Strengthen the organizations of this parish, and inspire and guide their members that all may bear witness to thee. Lord, hear us.

## **PARISH**

Bless especially the families of this place, our schools and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

## **PEACE**

Grant all nations true peace and understanding. Lord, hear us.  
Bless all those who work for peace that they may achieve this holy purpose.  
Lord, hear us.

## **PEOPLE OF GOD**

Give thy heavenly grace to all God's people, and especially to this congregation here present. Lord, hear us.

Teach us to know our duties and responsibilities as God's people in the life of thy Church. Lord, hear us.

## **POPE**

Watch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.**, our own Bishop **N.**, priests and religious everywhere, and all thy faithful people. Lord, hear us.

Watch over, protect, and guide thy Church, and especially our Holy Father Pope **N.** Lord, hear us.

## **PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS**

Bless all priests and all men and women consecrated to thy service in the religious life. Lord, hear us.

## **PRISONERS**

Show pity to all prisoners and captives, those in exile, and all who suffer persecution. Strengthen and uphold them. Lord, hear us.

## **RELIGIOUS**

Bless all priests and all men and women consecrated to thy service in the religious life. Lord, hear us.

## **RULERS**

Direct all rulers that thy people everywhere may know good government and enjoy lasting peace. Lord, hear us.

Guide those who govern our country that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

Bless our Sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Guide those who govern our country, that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

## **SACRAMENTS**

Grant that those who today receive thy sacraments may derive from them plentiful grace. Lord, hear us.

## **SCHOOLS**

Send thy blessing upon our schools and all who teach and learn therein.  
Lord, hear us.



Enlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning. Lord, hear us. Bless especially the families of this place, our schools and all who teach and learn therein, the activities in which we engage and the enterprises we undertake. Lord, hear us.

### **SICK**

Bless and strengthen the sick, especially the sick of this parish, and all who have care of them. Lord, hear us.

Heal thy servants, Lord, who are sick and put their trust in thee. Send them help, Lord, and comfort. Lord, hear us.

Comfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

Look with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

Bless and strengthen the sick, especially **N.** and **N.** Grant eternal rest to those lately dead, especially **N.** and **N.**, and to those whose anniversaries occur about this time, **N.** and **N.** Lord, hear us.

### **SINNERS**

Convert all sinners and give them the courage to persevere in the life of grace with thee. Lord, hear us.

### **SOVEREIGN**

Bless our Sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Guide those who govern our country, that they may rule with wisdom and justice. Lord, hear us.

Bless our Sovereign **N.** and all the royal family. Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thy everlasting kingdom. Lord, hear us.

### **STRIFE**

Remove all strife and bitterness from those who are at variance, so that they may serve thee in true brotherly union. Lord, hear us.

### **SUFFERING**

Comfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body. Lord, hear us.

Look with compassion on the struggles of the poor, the perils of nations, the ordeals of captives, the desolation of orphans, the hardships of travellers, the anguish of the incurably sick, the failing strength of the aged, the grief of widows. Lord, hear us.

## **SYNOD OF BISHOPS**

Grant to the Bishops of the Church, now assembled together with our Holy Father the Pope, thy special assistance and inspiration. Lord, hear us.

## **TRAVELLERS**

Protect all who travel by land, sea, or air, that they may come safely to their destinations. May thy holy angels guard them. Lord, hear us.

## **UNITY**

Grant that all Christian people may know and find true unity in thee. Lord, hear us.

Bless all those who are united with us in Christian baptism and in thy love and service, that together we may bear witness to thy name in this place and throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

## **UNIVERSITIES**

Enlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning. Lord, hear us.

## **VOCATIONS**

Send us zealous and holy priests and grant perseverance to all who are preparing for the priesthood and for the religious life. Lord, hear us.

## **WEALTH**

Help us to realise that we are the stewards of all we possess and to use thy gifts wisely and generously. Lord, hear us.

## **WEATHER**

Send us fair weather and rain in due season, that all may enjoy the fruits of the earth. Lord, hear us.

## **WORKERS**

Help our people in their daily work so to dedicate their labour to thee that it may reflect the beauty of thy creation. Lord, hear us.

## **YOUNGER NATIONS**

Guide and prosper the younger nations of the world, and assist them in their progress towards a fuller life. Lord, hear us.

## **YOUTH**

Bless our young people, that, forgetful of themselves, they may find true happiness in knowing, loving, and serving thee. Lord, hear us.



# APPENDIX II

## SOME CONCLUDING PRAYERS FROM "ORATIONES DIVERSÆ" IN THE MISSAL

### FOR THE INTERCESSION OF THE SAINTS

From all perils of soul and body do thou, Lord, protect us, and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever-virgin Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy blessed apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed **N.**, and of all the saints, in thy loving-kindness grant us safety and peace, so that all opposition and error may be destroyed and thy Church may serve thee in untroubled freedom: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Lord, grant thy servants pardon for their sins, consolation in the trials of life, and constant guidance, so that by serving thee they may always be found worthy of thy mercy: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR CONCORD IN A COMMUNITY

O God, who art the author of peace, and who lovest charity, grant to thy servants true concord with thy will, so that we may be delivered from all the temptations that beset us : through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### IN TIME OF FAMINE

We beg thee, Lord, to provide bodily food for the support of those who are suffering from famine: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR REMISSION OF SINS

God, who rejectest no man but art moved by repentance to have mercy even on the greatest sinners, look kindly on our humble prayers, and enlighten our hearts, so that we may have strength to fulfil thy commandments: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE AND TEMPTATION

O God, who, far from wishing the sinner to perish, grantest the wicked the grace of pardon, we humbly beseech thy gracious majesty to guard and keep with heavenly aid and constant protection thy servants who rely upon thy mercy, so that they may serve thee always and not be severed from thee by any trials: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR RIGHT THINKING

God, who enlightenest every soul born into this world, we beg thee to enlighten our hearts with the radiance of thy grace, ever enabling us to think worthily thoughts pleasing to thy majesty and to love thee with our whole hearts: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR PURITY

Refine our thoughts and affections, Lord, in the fire of the Holy Spirit, so that our bodies may be chaste and our hearts clean to serve thee according to thy pleasure: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

Lord, break the fetters of our sins, and give us back the innocence thou gavest us before, so that we may offer sacrifice to thy praise in perfect freedom and purity of heart. It was thy grace that saved us first; let thy forgiveness save us now: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR CHARITY

God, who turnest all things to the advantage of those who love thee, implant in our hearts an undying love of thee, so that no temptation may have power to alter desires born of thy inspiration: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR FRIENDS

O God, who by the grace of thy Holy Spirit hast imbued the hearts of thy faithful with the gifts of charity, grant to thy servants for whom we entreat thy mercy, health of mind and body, so that they may love thee with all their strength, and do thy pleasure with all their heart: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR THE WELFARE OF THE LIVING

Stretch forth a helping hand from heaven to thy faithful, Lord; and may those who with all their heart seek after thee be found worthy to have their just petitions answered: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.

### FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

God, who alone knowest how many souls are destined to enjoy the happiness of heaven, grant, we pray thee, that by the intercession of all thy saints, the names of each and every person who has been commended to our prayers, with those of all other faithful souls, may be found written in the book of Life: through Christ our Lord. **P.** Amen.





